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SUBJECT: BELIZE RESPONSE TO GLOBAL MARITIME PARTNERSHIPS

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11. On May 19, Poloff met with Ayesha Borland of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss reftel concerning Global Maritime Partnerships (GMP).

12. Ms. Borland stated that Belize, as a sea-bordering nation, would have an interest in and could certainly benefit from an organization that promoted international commerce, safety, security, and freedom of the seas. However, Belize is extremely resource constrained, particularly in the area of human resources and many of its security initiatives, including the Belize Coast Guard, are relatively new. The GoB would need a clearer picture of its obligations if Belize were to participate but would like to continue to hear updates on the GMP initiative.

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